

Fairfax County Animal Services Update

FCPD: Animal Protection Police
and
FC Dept. of Animal Sheltering

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State of County Animal Services

- Transition to two separate entities
 - Animal Protection Police
 - Department of Animal Sheltering
- Focus on renewed collaboration and teamwork
- Focus on public safety

Objectives

- Seamless transition
- Improve organizational climate
- Strengthen communication
- Culture of transparency and respect
- Engage staff
- Leaders to model desired behavior
- Balance animal welfare and public safety



➤ Address Safety Concerns

- Risk Management Audit
- Review of all previous cases
- Safety training for volunteers and staff

➤ Develop culture of inclusion

- Ask all for input
- Collaborate on cases
- Communicate “how” and “why”

➤ Need to fill critical shelter, APPO positions and Wildlife management positions

What the 2017 Data Tells Us About Dog Bites

January – October 2017 Return Outcome Data (10 months)

	Total #	%
Dog adoptions	819	
Returned for nips and minor bites	17	2%
Returned bites and euthanized	7	<1%

What the Data Tells Us About Positive Release

January - September 2017 Live Release Rates

	Overall (dogs, cats, other)	Dogs	Cats	Other
Asilomar*	94.8%	94.4%	93.8%	97.0%
Raw**	91.8%	91.4%	90.4%	94.6%

* For the purposes of Asilomar Accords data collection, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter subtracts owner requested euthanasia from total euthanasia.

** Raw percentages are live outcomes divided by total outcomes.

Moving Forward

- Continued analysis and improvement of dog evaluations
- Development of Animal Behavior and Enrichment specialist position
- Development of staff expertise in animal handling
- Continuous evaluation of facility and animal handling safety
- Continued development of effective working relationship between APPO and DAS staff.

Questions?

